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I appreciate the continuing interest in our scientific intelligence problems that motivated your recent letter to me on the subject. There is no doubt in my mind as to the correctness of your view that the recently completed study, in which you participated, is only the first step in arriving at an overall solution of these problems. I also fully agree that we shall continue to require the support and assistance of outside scientific consultants, such as yourself, drawn from the ranks of the leading professional specialists in this field.

I prefer, however, to have such consultation done on a somewhat more clearly-defined basis than the continuing informal survey suggested in your letter. For the present, I think that we should try to benefit from the study that has been completed, by seeing whether we can agree early on a new course, setting up new inter-agency terms of reference. Then, as specific problems arise, or when the need is felt for another, more intensive survey of all or part of the scientific intelligence field, I should like to feel that I may call upon you for further assistance.

Sincerely,

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